

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on August 22, 2007.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8 and 23-25 remain pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8 and 23-25 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,703,299.

Applicant submits that a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b) (IV) to obviate this rejection was previously filed with the U.S. Patent Office on June 1, 2007.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claim 4, the Office has stated

Claim 4 recites the limitation “after beginning curing the underfill material and removing the film, curing includes: curing the underfill material that is in contact with the film; removing the film; and thereafter curing the underfill material that is between the die and the mounting substrate.” It is confusing since this recitation implies that there is a step for curing the underfill material that is in contact with the film and an another step for curing the underfill material that is between the die and the mounting substrate.

The Applicant respectfully asserts the interpretation made by the Examiner, is good, accurate, and valid. Because the Office has interpreted claim 4 in a way that is acceptable (and expected) by the Applicant, this should be *prime facie* evidence the claim is not confusing. The Office may look to Applicant’s disclosure for support:

“The mold press 232 has a heater element 238 (depicted schematically). In one embodiment, the heater element 238 acts to cure a portion of the underfill material 224 that is in contact with the non-tacky film 230. **Figure 4B** depicts the flip-chip assembly 210 after the non-tacky film 230 has been removed, but before a

completed cure of the underfill material 224 has been accomplished."

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Regarding claim 25, the Office has stated

Claim 25 recites the limitation "... a mold press that gives shape to the film." Note that the instant invention does not disclose this aspect. And furthermore, the film is a thin layer stretched over the package, therefore, the mold press is not for shaping the film. In addition, this limitation applies for a non-tacky film.

The Applicant respectfully disagrees. The Applicant's disclosure states regarding a mold press:

"A non-tacky film 230 is depicted in Figure 4A as having been stretched over the flip-chip assembly 210 and a mold press 232 is depicted as rendering a cross-sectional profile to non-tacky film 230, and consequently to the underfill material 224."

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney ((801) 278-9171) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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